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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 208, 2/8/2017; HB 71, 2/6/2017; SB 145, 2/6/2017

Executive Action: SB 208 - DO PASS

Committee Business:

00:00:43 Chair Howard
00:01:09 Sen. Gross
00:01:15 Chair Howard

00:01:20 Brief Recess
00:03:34 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 208

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:37 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 208, Generally revise medicaid waiver laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:08 Darren Larson, representing himself
[EXHIBIT\(phs31a01\)](#)

00:11:02 Travis Hoffman, advocacy coordinator, Summit Independent Living Center;
Montana's Four Independent Living Centers, and a consumer of Independent
Waiver Services

00:13:47 Kelly Jepson, Home Health and Hospice of Montana, Consumer Direct Personal
Care Services, Nightingale Nursing and Care Giving, Full Circle Counseling
Solutions

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a02\)](#)

00:14:46 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association
00:18:27 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Community Disability Services
00:20:03 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals - Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain Home Care
00:22:43 Claudia Clifford, advocacy director, AARP Montana
00:24:21 John Wilkinson, Montana Association of Social Workers, Montana Licensed
Clinical Professional Counselors Association
00:25:24 Diana Tavary, representing herself
00:27:05 Ken Brown, Opportunity Resources (OR)
00:28:55 Jackie Mohler, program manager, Family Outreach

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a03\)](#)

00:31:51 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
00:33:00 Patrick Flaherty, Human Resources specialist, Family Outreach
00:35:19 David Condon, Direct Service Personnel, Family Outreach

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:48 Ryan Evans, assistant director, Governor's Office of Budget and Program
Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:08 Sen. Gross
00:41:51 Sen. Caferro
00:41:56 Sen. Sands
00:45:34 Sen. Caferro
00:45:44 Sen. Sands
00:47:30 Mr. Brown, OR
00:47:37 Chair Howard
00:48:43 Mr. Evans, OBPP
00:49:30 Sen. Moore
00:49:37 Mr. Evans

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:03 Sen. Caferro
[EXHIBIT\(phs31a04\)](#)

00:50:51 Sen. Moore left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:58 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 71, Require certain licensed health professionals be trained in suicide prevention.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:13 Abigail St. Lawrence, Marriage and Family Therapists
00:59:27 Fran Viereck, Executive Council Board member, AARP MT
[EXHIBIT\(phs31a05\)](#)
01:02:11 John Wilkinson, Montana Association of Social Workers, Montana Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors Association
01:03:11 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association
01:04:29 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:10 Dr. Michele McKinnie, licensed psychologist; Legislative chair, Montana Psychological Association (MPA) and on behalf of herself
[EXHIBIT\(phs31a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:45 Sen. Gross
01:12:07 Ms. McKinnie, MPA
01:12:29 Sen. Gross
01:15:03 Rep. McKamey
01:15:36 Sen. Olszewski
01:16:14 Ms. McKinnie
01:16:22 Chair Howard
01:20:12 Ms. McKinnie
01:20:33 Chair Howard
01:20:45 Sen. Gross
01:21:09 Mr. Dorrington, MMA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:22 Rep. McKamey

HEARING ON SB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:18 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 145, Generally revise laws re: when certain individuals may be transferred to DOC.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:55 Sen. Nels Swandal, SD 30
01:31:33 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
01:36:38 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance of Mental Illness Montana
01:38:30 John Wilkinson, representing himself
01:41:52 Kelsey Steele, Disability Rights Montana, on behalf of Patti Jacques

Opponents' Testimony:

01:45:07 Zoe Barnard, administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services
01:54:00 Adrienne Slaughter, Government Relations director, Montana Department of Corrections
01:55:17 Paulette Kohman, representing herself

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a07\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:10:58 Sen. Webb

Committee Business:

02:15:16 Sen. Olszewski
02:15:34 Sen. Caferro
02:15:51 Sen. Olszewski

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 208

2:16:14 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 208 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:16:23 Sen. Caferro
02:17:14 Sen. Sands

02:17:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:22 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs31aad.pdf](#))